



OPERATIONAL MEMO

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Purpose and Audience:

The purpose of this Operational Memo is to inform case managers, participants, and providers of the change to the Room and Board amount and Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) in accordance with the cost-of-living adjustments (COLA).

Background:

Pursuant to 10 CCR 2505-10, Section 8.603.5.K, the maximum monthly amount charged to individuals receiving the Residential Habilitation services through the HCBS-DD waiver must not exceed an amount equal to the monthly benefit for Supplemental Security Income (SSI), less an amount specified by the Department for personal needs.

Effective January 1, 2019 there will be a 2.8 percent cost-of-living adjustment to Social Security beneficiaries.

Information/Procedure:

Effective January 1, 2019, the maximum SSI monthly payment an individual may receive will increase to \$771.00 per month. In response to the COLA increases, the Department is adjusting the Room and Board payment amounts, as well as the Personal Needs Allowance (PNA) amounts for clients utilizing Group Residential Support Services (GRSS) and Individual Residential Support Services (IRSS). Through these

adjustments, the Department will be aligning the Room and Board payments and PNA amounts across all residential settings.

The amount participants must receive for their Personal Needs Allowance will increase to \$76.00 per month and the maximum amount a residential provider may charge a participant in HCBS-DD-Residential Habilitation for Room and Board is \$695.00. The amounts are calculated in the table below:

	2017 R & B	2018 R & B	2019 R & B	2017 PNA	2018 PNA	2019 PNA
IRSS/GRSS	\$662	\$677	\$695	\$73	\$73	\$76

Attachment(s):

None

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